

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 62-76, 80 and 82 are pending in the present application. Claims 77-79 and 81 were withdrawn in the present amendment and claims 1-61 were previously cancelled. New claim 82 was added.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election of one of the following species of the claimed invention, which were asserted to be patentably distinct:

Species I. Figs. 1-2;

Species II. Figs. 3-4; and

Species III. Figs. 5-6.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single species and to provide a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the species relating to the embodiment of Figs. 1-2 for further prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby identifies previously presented claims 62-76 and 80, in addition to new claim 82, as being readable on the elected species relating to the embodiment of Figs. 1-2. Applicant reserves the right to later list claims that are readable on the elected species that are subsequently added or were originally filed.

Applicant respectfully submits that all the pending claims, specifically claims 62-76, 80 and 82 are generic to Species I and III. Additionally, Applicant further respectfully submits that new independent claim 82 is generic to each of the identified Species I, II and III, and reads on each one of Figs. 1-6.

Further, Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected species (Species II and III, as identified by the Examiner) and other embodiments of the application, and claims which read on those non-elected species and embodiments, in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.